

Testimony of Executive 2000 Transportation, LLC
Before the Legislature's Transportation Committee
Monday, March 2, 2015

Re: HB 6349 AAC RIDE-SHARING COMPANIES AND DRIVERS

Good morning, everyone. My name is Sairah Sandhu. I co-own Executive 2000 Transportation, LLC, Certificate 1097, with Nisar Sandhu, who is presently out of the country.

We employ 13 people at 11 Alcap Ridge in Cromwell. We hold 22 taxi permits, 19 Government livery permits, and 5 General Livery permits.

We at Executive 2000 Transportation support House Bill No. 6349, based on several concerns, the major concern being that of public safety. Laws are not made for no good reason. Many laws, rules, and regulations have been put forth with regard to transporting passengers in the state of Connecticut for the safety of the public. It seems unfathomable that we would suddenly allow "ride sharing" companies to transport in our state without having to follow the same rules such as thorough background checks with fingerprinting, licensing endorsements and moving violations on their driving history.

Our company insists on proper license endorsements, which means that the DOT has done a thorough fingerprint background and medical check. We as a company check for sexual offenders. Our insurance company is very strict on insuring our drivers and must see a driving history before allowing them to drive. When a driver becomes 65 our insurance company demands an updated physical. We do yearly background checks on every driver. We conduct random drug/alcohol testing. We give all our drivers PASS training, whether they are driving taxi or livery. We have a very strict public complaint policy ensuring our customers a safe and enjoyable ride.

I am appalled and disappointed that the government of this great state of Connecticut would even think of allowing a lawless, dangerous, un-governed transportation system to practice here.

I understand many are excited about the idea of an app system. Our company will have an app almost identical to that of Uber but that follows the rules of the DOT and the laws of our government up and running within the next two weeks. If this is mostly about an app, then perhaps you could call for all taxi companies to have an app. But please, I beseech all of you, don't endanger our public and undermine all the hard work we've all put in to public safety here in our state.

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